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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
In Public Schools and/or by Educators
The following are legal and ethical activities:

1. Educators may meet together–outside of contract time, even following a required meeting–to discuss political ideas and activities.

2. School buildings and school facilities (meeting rooms, copy machines, school equipment) must be available fairly and even-handedly to all organized groups and points of view. Administrators ARE NOT REQUIRED to notify voucher supporters of upcoming school meetings or events.

3. Educators may provide factual information at school community council meetings, PTA meetings and other voluntary meetings.

4. Educators may inform patrons of political and education issues through school wide websites, newsletters, school TV announcements, etc. Examples: "SLC voters can hear mayoral candidates at 7 p.m. at West High School" or "Pro voucher information is available in the main office."

5. Educators can explain their personal opinions to parents or patrons on matters of public concern, *upon request*. Extended discussions should occur during non-contract time.

Educators should avoid the following activities:

1. Educators should not contact people about their political positions using school email, mail, school directories or other school resources.

2. Educators should not fund-raise or campaign during contract time or PAID association leave time.

3. Educators should not wear political buttons advocating one viewpoint during contract time. Buttons or t-shirts that advocate "VOTE!" or "We love America" are fine.

4. Educators should not try to convince employees whom they supervise. Answering questions and providing factual information are fine.